

## NEWS

Cops for Kids  
Christmas  
Tree Sale gets  
underway



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## SPORTS

Senior-heavy  
team learns  
new offense  
for 2008-2009  
season



This year's Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team - a group that will be senior-heavy with nine 12th graders - is learning a new offense as part of its preparation for the 2008-2009 season, which starts with a game at Roscommon next Tuesday. **1B**  
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Strong group  
of returners to  
lead this year's  
wrestling team



The Grayling High School wrestling team - a squad that has an active streak of two consecutive district titles - will rely heavily on a strong group of returning wrestlers during its quest for a third straight district championship and a second consecutive conference title this year. **1B**

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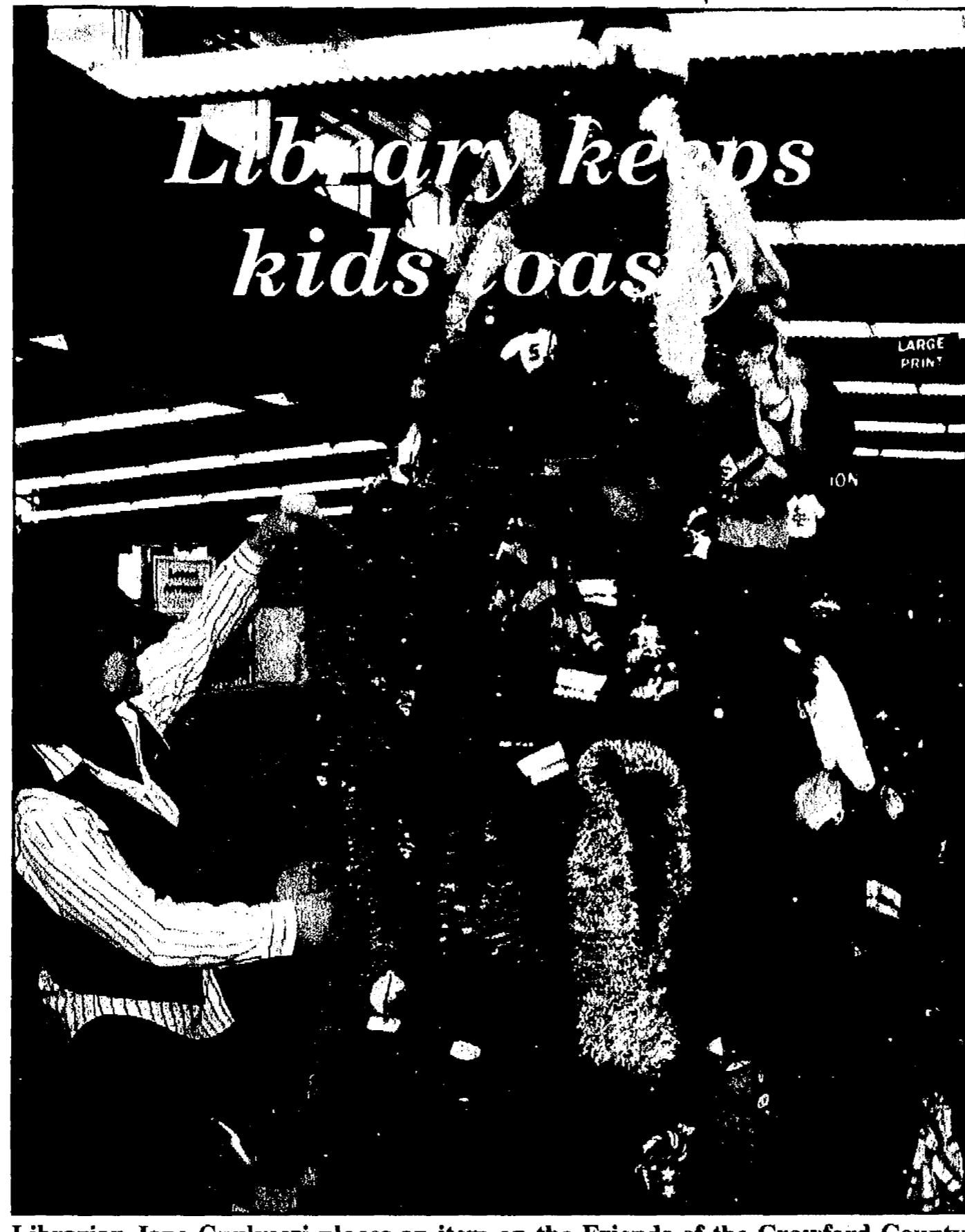
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Librarian Jane Gyulveszi places an item on the Friends of the Crawford County Library mitten tree. Children's hats, gloves, scarves and mittens are being collected at all four Crawford County Library branch locations for placement on the tree. Donated items can be store bought or homemade. Library branches will continue to collect donations until Dec. 12.

## Flu shots widely available

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Feeling a winter chill? Although it may be impossible to be prepared for everything, local health department officials say that there's no reason why Crawford County residents should need to suffer from the most common strain of the flu this season.

In Michigan, influenza season begins in October and generally tends to peak mid-winter.

According to an article published in the April 18, 2008, edition of the New York Times, 200,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 people die in the United States each year from the flu.

Crowded schools are a common place for the virus to spread. Hope College in Holland temporarily cancelled classes in response to an outbreak last month. These kinds of outbreaks are not surprising to health officials, considering that a single sneeze can launch germs as far as 40 feet.

Despite the fact that preliminary statewide statistics indicate that instances of the flu are down from this time last year, Ann Young of the Crawford County Health Department said that yearly immunizations are always worthwhile, especially for kids.

"There's no reason why a child should ever go without being vaccinated," said Young.

The health department administered around 600 flu shots last year. Despite nationwide concerns about flu vaccine shortages a few years ago, Young does not anticipate any similar issues this season.

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## Hanson Hills gearing up for winter season

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Local ski enthusiasts would be well advised to dust off their winter gear and bust out the ski wax. Hanson Hills is almost ready to open for another winter season.

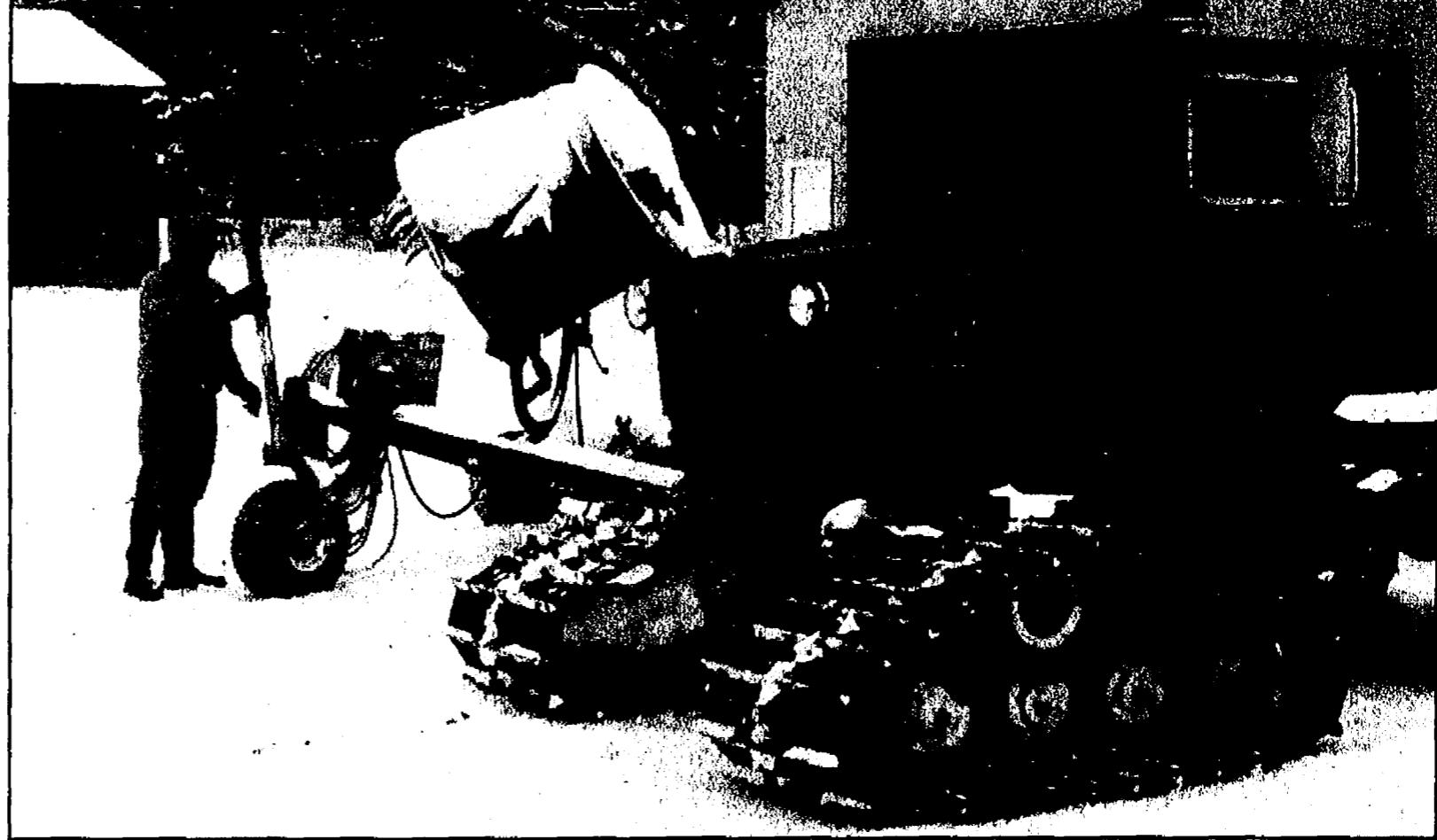
Actually, the local recreation park is already open for cross country ski enthusiasts. Park employees began grooming the trails two weeks ago.

"What we have right now is as good as we can get it," said Park Director Justin Andre.

Currently, two out of five cross country loops are open to nordic skiers.

"We could open the rest of them, but it's just a lot of work with the trails being

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Billy Partello prepares a snow making machine to be transported onto the slopes. Hanson Hills is scheduled to open on Dec. 19, but may open even earlier if heavy snowfall continues.

## Getting a piece of the pie



Nancy Brooks (left) and Mary Robinson (right) cut slices of pumpkin pie for this year's Community Thanksgiving, held at the Camp Grayling Armory. More than 800 meals were served overall, including 437 home deliveries. Almost 100 more meals were served than at last year's event. "We had more volunteers than we've ever, ever had," said event organizer Therese Kaiser. "I tell you, this is definitely a community with a huge heart."

## Crawford County Transportation Authority

### Weekday Scheduled Services to:

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#### M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling 6:00 a.m.  
Leaves Grayling 6:45 a.m.  
Leaves Grayling 7:00 a.m.  
Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.  
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Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.

BEAVER CREEK & ROSSCOMMON

Leaves Grayling 7:30 a.m.  
Leaves Grayling 11:00 a.m.  
Leaves Grayling 1:00 p.m.  
Leaves Grayling 2:15 p.m.  
Leaves Grayling 4:30 p.m.

\*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

#### M-72 WEST

Demand response service calls worked in between other runs.

### TRI-STATE HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS

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## Pets celebrate the holidays



Last Saturday, the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter hosted its annual event where families can get photos of their pets with Santa Claus. Proceeds from the event support the shelter's operations. Pictured (from left to right) are Patty Redinger, Santa Claus, Rylee Plauman and Doris Plauman. The cat pictured is A.C. Goodman and the dog is Steve the Doberman.

## Lovells Township Fire Department nets grant

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Lovells Township Fire Department was awarded a federal grant to help boost communication for volunteer firefighters and emergency responders.

The Lovells Township Fire Department received a \$56,330 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The grant will be used to purchase six mobile 800 megahertz radios for fire trucks and ambulances. A dozen portable 800 megahertz radios will also be purchased with the grant dollars.

There are currently 12 volunteer firefighters and emergency responders that serve the Lovells Township Fire Department.

Finally, an 800 megahertz base radio, which

will be kept at the Lovells Township Fire Department, will also be purchased with the grant.

Gary Lewicki, the fire chief for the Lovells Township Fire Department, said the new radios will replace high-band models that are nearing 10-years-old.

The department handles an average of 60 medical runs and 20 fire runs per year.

"Being in a rural area, we're hoping that the 800 megahertz radios will improve communication with dispatch and amongst ourselves," Lewicki said. "With the high-band system, it's been kind of hit or miss."

The State of Michigan implemented technology and erected the towers for the 800 megahertz radio system in northern Michigan in 2000.

The entire state was covered with the high tech emergency system in 2002, which allows firefighters and emergency personnel to communicate

with one another no matter where they are in the state.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recently awarded over \$1.7 million in Assistance to Firefighters grants to dozens of local fire departments and organizations throughout the state. Nationally, \$500 million will be awarded to fire departments and emergency medical service organizations in 2008.

"The Assistance to Firefighters grant programs are the result of a major effort by the federal government to ensure the provision of a solid foundation for local fire and emergency response services," said Greg Cade, administrator for the United States Fire Administration.

"These grants help to ensure the nation's firefighters have the basic tools and resources necessary to perform their responsibilities and, therefore, to ultimately save lives and continue to protect all residents from fire."

Lewicki said he is pleased that federal officials and Michigan lawmakers in Washington D.C. helped push the township's grant request through for approval.

"It's nice to see the federal money coming back to our community to support EMS and fire services," Lewicki said.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association 13th annual Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale got underway on Monday, in the Grayling Kmart parking lot, in order to provide a brighter holiday for some youngsters. Above, Renee Christman, a corrections officer, and John MacDonald, a road patrol deputy, volunteer to sell trees during chilly temperatures on Tuesday.

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The 13th annual Cops for Kids Christmas Tree Sale has continued to grow in interest every year and has brought people from all over the State of Michigan, who either buy a tree or donate money to the program.

The association plans to sell approximately 200 trees, ranging in price from \$20 to \$40. Douglas fir and black hills spruce trees are \$40, blue spruce are \$35 and scotch trees are \$20.

Twenty-four inch wreaths

are being sold for \$20. A swag, featuring a candy cane themed bouquet, is also being sold for \$20. Finally, a smaller holiday themed swag is available for \$10.

Most of the proceeds go towards the Cops for Kids program. The deputies will take about 20 kids shopping at the Grayling Kmart for much needed items, such as coats, mittens and hats, along with a couple of fun items for the children and their families.

Currently, Jason Alexander, the school liaison officer for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, is working with teachers to identify students for the shopping trip.

Theresa Andrews, chief records clerk for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and treasurer for the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association, said children from entire families can go on the trip if their kids are enrolled in various grade levels.

The whole family partic-

ipates and we don't want to leave anyone out," Andrews said.

After the shopping excursion, the children are also treated to lunch at the Grayling Pizza Hut before they are taken home with a large food basket donated by the Grayling Eagles Club's Ladies Auxiliary.

Deputy Shawn Schnoor, the president of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association, said that the program helps keep deputies in the holiday spirit and the outreach is part of their mission to serve and protect the community.

"The whole program is strictly about helping the kids in the community that are less fortunate than others," Schnoor said. "It means a great deal to everyone that works here. This is the community we live and work in and we want to help people any way we can."

The program also assists in funding other youth-oriented events throughout the county, including the Crawford County Sheriff's

Office Bicycle Rodeo, the Grayling Little League and a college scholarship for a local high school graduate. In the last two years, the association also purchased backpacks and school supplies for children starting out the school year.

Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Andrews at 989-344-3213, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Issues and Opinions



## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Auto company woes resound throughout country

MICHIGANIANS ARE caught in an intensifying cauldron of economic problems these days.

It's bad enough that we've been undergoing a one-state recession for many months.

Michigan's unemployment rate has reached double digits – but the actual existence of Michigan's life-blood job provider since most of us can remember may be in serious jeopardy.

General Motors, Ford and Chrysler need money, and need it fast. The three companies are asking the federal government – that is, the taxpayers – for a loan of \$25 billion to help them turn the corner. So far, Congress – the custodian of the taxpayers' money – has turned a cold shoulder to the request.

Without an immediate infusion of cash, we are told, GM could run out of operating money before year end. Ford and Chrysler have indicated they can last a few weeks longer, but they will need operating cash, too.

Many competent voices have suggested the government should keep hands off,

and if bankruptcy and closures follow, then so be it; that's the way of our free enterprise system, which has permitted the auto companies to grow and prosper all these years.

That may be fine for economists and professors and other big thinkers to propose, but to those who depend on auto company checks to put food on the table, that line of reasoning is not very reassuring.

IT'S DIFFICULT to digest the reality that one or more of our Big Three automakers may go out of business, let alone that all three are in serious dollar trouble.

Figures fly all over the place about the potential economic impact of auto manufacture deaths or downsizing.

According to figures printed recently in the *New York Times*, 250,000 direct auto company jobs are in peril, along with 750,000 other jobs involved in providing materials, parts and services to the manufacturing plants.

Every main street in America will be hit, too, considering that many home town communities house smaller plants that supply all sorts of materials and services to the Big Three auto builders.

A further and deeper hit would occur if all the locally owned and operated car dealerships which sell and service American made vehicles should follow the fate of the auto makers.

Then there are the businesses that supply goods and services to those who would lose their auto-related jobs – restaurants, retail stores, personal services, and the like.

The economic ripple effect could bring total job losses to 2.5 million across the country. That's big trouble.

TOP BRASS at General Motors, Ford and Chrysler – arm in arm with the president of the UAW which represents workers at all three companies – went to Congress with hat in hand in November, asking for a \$25 billion loan for immediate

operating capital.

Their request immediately became wrongly identified by the public as another "bailout" similar to the billions of dollars being doled out by the US treasury to banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions. The auto deal would be a loan, to be repaid, and not a give away of taxpayer dollars.

Several members of Congress seemed to delight in taunting the executives about how they got to Washington – each came in his own company jet – and in how much money they were being paid already, and how come with those big salaries they can't figure out some way to make a profit.

So the politicians

demanded specific plans on how the companies plan to spend the \$25 billion and what they will do to become profitable. Then, the politicians said, they will decide what to do for the troubled auto industry – if anything.

According to printed reports, the plans may include such steps as restructuring present debt

schedules, cutting white collar jobs, eliminating some car models, even reducing executive pay and bonus systems. GM already has made Tiger Woods a promotional casualty and GM Super Bowl advertising has been canceled.

The UAW has announced willingness to reopen its contracts to see if satisfactory savings can be found.

The plans are being submitted this week, with congressional reaction, action,

or inaction to follow.

IN MY VIEW, only one answer makes sense, and that is to approve the loan. The impact of the auto industry on people across the country is too severe to jeopardize.

A few points to keep in mind while these decisions develop in coming days:

– Although Ford, General

Motors and Chrysler are acting in concert in seeking \$25 billion, their individual needs are different, and their recovery plans will be different.

– The three companies remain competitors, and

will continue to compete with each other, as well as with the other foreign-based car makers, many of which also employ thousands of workers within the United States.

– The crisis in the auto industry has been developing for some time, and the nation's current credit and financial problems make it much worse. The auto crisis is not a short term problem, and a \$25 billion loan is not a long term answer.

– Regardless of what happens in Washington, it is doubtful that all three American car makers will survive. In fact, Chrysler already has been studying its business future, including discussions a few months ago with GM about possibly merging efforts in some way. The Big Three likely will become the Big Two in the not too distant future, with Ford and GM the likely survivors.

# # #

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## Letters to the Editor

### No child left behind ... except for kids with dyslexia

To the editor:

It was an epiphany! We looked for the missing piece to the puzzle for a decade, and the answer was suddenly right there on www.BrightSolutions.US, a Web site my daughter visited because her youngest son complained of reading problems he has having. She was looking to help Nolan, but found out by accident that Zachary, Nolan's older brother and our 7th grade "puzzle" child, had almost all the classic symptoms and warning signs of dyslexia and dysgraphia. This Web site gave us answers to all of Zachary's problems he'd been suffering with since preschool and how to help retrain his brain with special reading and spelling programs geared to dyslexic students.

However, we found there are no protocols mandated by the State of Michigan to test for dyslexia in the school system or to provide adequate reading and spelling programs as a classroom accommodation appropriate to address these learning problems.

Dyslexia is a language processing disorder, an oral and written receptive and expressive language learning disability that also impacts directionality and the ability to memorize random facts.

Dyslexia is inherited. It can range from mild to profound. Warning signs of dyslexia start to appear as early as age one.

A child can be accurately tested for dyslexia as early as age five. It is not rare. It affects 20 percent of our population, which is one out

of five. It is the most common reason a child will struggle with spelling, writing and eventually with reading.

Children with dyslexia can read, but they have to use different strategies to help them get by. Those strategies will fail them by third to fourth grade, if not sooner, and their academic marks may begin a downward spiral.

The National Institute of Health has been studying dyslexia for more than 25 years. Doctors and educators have known about dyslexia since the 1930s.

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction.

Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

The reading, spelling and writing failure caused by dyslexia is preventable and fixable, by teaching them an Orton-Gillingham based system (which has been in use since the 1930s). This system is readily available in many programs. Teachers can apply for grants to get these programs without cost to them.

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of five. It is the most common reason a child will struggle with spelling, writing and eventually with reading.

As you can see, dyslexia has been in the education vocabulary for a long time, but it seems the best that Michigan schools can offer is to refer a child through the State's Special Education Department ... and that is not enough.

Dyslexic children, for the most part, are not mentally or physically challenged or slow. Quite to the contrary they may test as bright. Teachers and tutors instead need to address the specific learning problems of dyslexia and provide adequate reading and spelling programs to retrain the brain.

The State of Michigan needs to find these children through testing specific to dyslexia and then implement the programs.

These students continue to be ignored and fall through the cracks of Michigan's current educational system, in spite of and contrary to the No Child Left Behind Act.

What happens when children are unsuccessful in attaining grade level status in reading and spelling? In a realistic case scenario, they are deemed a hopeless failure and are blindly pushed from grade to grade. And, when the frustration reaches its limit, they quit. They become high school dropouts.

We need to find these children, test them and get them back on track with the right curriculum.

These children may not be able to achieve a high school diploma because they cannot fulfill the current mandates newly imposed by the State of Michigan, which are intensely geared to the col-

lege-bound student. How can a child study a foreign language when he or she cannot even cope with the English language?

How can a child achieve success with algebra when one cannot even memorize math facts or formulas?

How can they learn history, science and economics when they cannot read sufficiently to comprehend them? Many dyslexic children can't.

If what our family experienced in our research thus far is the "status quo," then the State of Michigan needs to "kick things up a notch" to meet the needs of its school children with dyslexia so that no child is left behind.

Texas has a wonderful program for dyslexic students. Colorado and Mississippi have recently passed legislation as well. And, if they can do it, then so can Michigan.

Please join me on a mission for change. Write to our governor and legislators. Write to the Michigan Department of Education. Write to the schools, public and private. We need an education bill passed immediately.

Our dyslexic kids, no matter how young or how old, desperately need these testing protocols and special curriculums. We need to give them hope for the future.

The Web site references are Bright Solutions for Dyslexia Inc. and the Michigan Dyslexia Institute.

### Community Thanksgiving Dinner was wonderful

To the editor:

Commendations for those responsible for the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner. The ones who donated money, food and time.

We have delivered the meals for several years and the smiles on the faces, and the heartfelt thanks of those receiving meals, were wonderful enough to last all year. There must have been over 100 volunteers at the armory cooking, filling plates, packing meals for delivery and delivering meals.

The organization packed over 400 meals to be delivered, which was incredible, and everything went like clockwork. We were among the last drivers and we were out of the armory with our meals in about 50 minutes.

That is unbelievable! You did yourselves proud ... again.

Mary C. Parker  
Grayling

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# Briefs

## Kiwanis to deliver Goodfellows paper

The Grayling Kiwanis Club will be delivering the Goodfellows newspapers to the Crawford County community on Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6. They will be at Glen's Market from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and in front of the post office from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, contact Tammy Slavik at Chemical Bank.

## Shelter to hold Paws to Cherish event

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter will hold an event to celebrate the animals that have brought joy into our lives on Friday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. For a \$5 donation, you can honor your pet by placing their name on a "Paws to Cherish" ornament. Ornaments will also be on sale before the event. This event will be held at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, 5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling.

## Lovells to hold Christmas party

The Lovells Community Potluck Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road. Cold cuts and beverages will be provided, bring a dish to pass. There will be goodwill bingo, and after bingo, the children will gather to sing and a special guest will handout gifts to the children.

## Credit Union to collect canned goods

North Central Area Credit Union will be collecting canned food items for the local food pantry until Dec. 12. You may drop off canned items from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at your local North Central Area Credit Union location.

## Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

## Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas meeting at noon on Dec. 10, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Bring a \$5 gift, a dish to pass and a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

## VFW Post #3736 to hold potluck

The VFW Post #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold a potluck on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at noon, at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Bring a dish to pass. Family members are welcome. Call Deb, at 348-4128, with any questions. Table settings will be provided.

## Moose Lodge to host Christmas party

A Christmas party, for kids ages 0 - 8, will be held at the Grayling Moose Lodge on Dec. 6, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Santa will be there. A toy stuffed stocking will be given and pictures with Santa will be taken.

## Hospice tree lighting to be held

Hospice of Michigan's annual Light up a Life tree lighting will be held on Dec. 6 at the Pavilion in downtown Gaylord. Join Hospice of Michigan and community families for the tree lighting and memorializing or honoring of loved ones. To purchase a symbolic bulb for dedication, call Shirley Haan at 989-358-4280.

## Store to raise money for help center

A fund-raiser to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center will be held during the first two weeks of December at the Save-A-Lot store in Grayling. Grocery bag certificates will be for sale for one dollar or five dollars, with all the money going to help families in our community during the Christmas season.

## MERF awarding scholarships

Each year, the American Mensa Education and Research Foundation (MERF) makes available more than \$60,000 in regional and national scholarship funds.

In addition, Northern Michigan Mensa is offering a local scholarship of \$500. Prizes are awarded based on essays written by the applicants regarding their academic and career goals.

Applicants must be citizens or residents of the United States and planning to enroll in a degree program at an accredited institution of higher learning in fall of 2009.

Membership in Mensa is not a requirement in this scholarship contest, nor is

## More than 4.9 million in tax refunds due to Michiganans

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for 7,831 Michiganans who are missing more than \$4.9 million in economic stimulus payments and tax refund checks that were returned by the U.S. Postal Service due to mailing address errors. Nationwide, the IRS has more than 279,000 economic stimulus checks totaling about \$163 million and more than 104,000 regular refund checks totaling about \$103 million.

"We very much want to get this money into the hands of taxpayers where it belongs," said IRS Spokesperson, Luis D. Garcia. "There are a number of ways people can update their address with the IRS but using direct deposit next time will avoid all the headaches. All a taxpayer has to do is update their address once and we will send out all checks due."

It is crucial that taxpayers who may be due a stimulus check update their addresses with the IRS by Nov. 28, 2008. By law, economic stimulus checks must be sent out by Dec. 31 of this year. The undeliverable economic stimulus checks average \$552. The "Where's My Stimulus Payment?" tool on IRS.gov is the quickest and easiest way for a taxpayer to check the status of a stimulus check and receive instructions on how to update his or her address. Taxpayers without internet access should call 1-866-234-2942.

Regular tax refund checks returned to the IRS average \$837. These checks are resent as soon as taxpayers update their address. Taxpayers can update their addresses with the "Where's My Refund?" tool on IRS.gov. It enables taxpayers to check the status of their refunds. A taxpayer must submit his or her social security number, filing status and amount of refund shown on their 2007 return.

## MDOT seeks public comment

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is seeking public comment on its draft 2009-2013 Five Year Transportation Program. Comments should be e-mailed to MDOT Five-Year Program at michigan.gov before Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008.

The draft 2009-2013 Five Year Transportation Program is available on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot5 yearplan.

The Five Year Transportation Program, a continuous, interactive dialogue with the department's customers and stakeholders, has become the anchor of MDOT's project development and delivery systems. Each year, a new fifth year is added and program and project adjustments are made to the previous four years.

Taxpayers checking on a refund over the phone will be given instructions on how to update their addresses. Taxpayers can access a telephone version of "Where's My Refund?" by calling 1-800-829-1954.

Taxpayers not sure of which type of check they may be due should check on a potential economic stimulus check first because of the looming deadline. See instructions above.

The vast majority of checks mailed out by the IRS reach their rightful owners every year. Only a very small percent are returned by the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable. Through September 2008, the government distributed 116 million economic stimulus payments with only about 279,000 checks being undeliverable or about one-quarter of one percent. Meanwhile, the IRS has distributed more than 105 million regular refunds this year with only about 104,000 being undeliverable or one-tenth of one percent.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to choose direct deposit when they file their return because it puts an end to lost, stolen or undeliverable checks. Taxpayers can receive refunds directly into their personal checking or savings accounts. Direct deposit is available for filers of both paper and electronic returns. The IRS also encourages taxpayers to file their tax returns electronically because e-file eliminates the risk of lost paper returns. E-file also reduces errors and speeds up refunds.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Praying God's Way

In Romans 8:26-28 we shall study God's way, God's will, and God's work in prayer for the pain and problems which plague us. In Romans 8:26 we study God's way in prayer: "26Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

First we see the way our prayer is helped: "26Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities..." Throughout Romans chapter #8 the Holy Spirit is revealed as the person who gives us victory in all areas of our Christian life. The infirmities we bear may be feebleness of the mind or body through weakness, sickness, disease or some other malady. Our infirmities are not necessarily evil or bad in themselves. Jesus Christ was tempted with these same infirmities according to Hebrews 4:15: "15For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Suffering

infirmities can strengthen and mature us for service as it did our savior Jesus Christ in Hebrews 2:10: "10For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." As 2 Corinthians 4:17 says, "17For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Second, we see the way our prayer is hindered or hopeless: "...for we know not what we should pray for as we ought..." When we pray in ignorance for something we should not have we can only hope God does not answer our prayer. As Psalm 106:15 warns us: "And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul." You remember in Luke 11:1 His disciples said to Jesus: "...Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." One easy prayer formula to remember is the ACTS of prayer. "A" always begin with adoration and worship of our God. "C" reminds us to confess of our sins and shortcomings. "T" reminds us to express thanksgiving and gratitude to God for all His blessings to us. And "S" brings us last to our supplications or making our requests known to God. After we adore God, confess our sins, and express our thanksgiving to Him,

we are in a better spiritual frame of mind for supplication.

Third, we see the way our prayer is heard: "...but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Romans 8:23 taught us, "...even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. We do groan," "...for we know not what we should pray for as we ought..." But the Holy Spirit prays for us through the Son to the Father in unspeakable words. We are told in Philippians 4:7 we can have "...the peace of God, which passeth all understanding..." We are told in 1 Peter 1:8 how through faith in Jesus Christ we can "...rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." As 2 Corinthians 9:15 says, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." So we understand there are things in prayer which cannot be explained in human words. It is most important that we are praying God's way through the Holy Spirit and not our own selfish way. Pastor "B"

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Christian Science Society  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
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Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
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2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church  
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo  
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974  
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Traditional Service ..... 9 am

Coffee Hour ..... 10 am

Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) ..... 11 am

Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am

Praise & Worship Service ..... 11 am

(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist  
Pastor: David Jorgenson  
(989) 348-1909

Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable

off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)

Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am

Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

Levels Community Chapel  
(Bible based and non-denominational)

Pastor: Larry Hankins

8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells  
(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Web Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist  
Pastor: Rick Seward

6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service ..... 8:30 am

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Morning Service ..... 11 am

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ  
3474 West Park Road, Licerne

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

Adult & Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist  
Pastor: Eric Wagner - (989) 348-1411

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1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God  
Pastor: John Wodan

701 S. 1-75 Business Loop

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Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am

Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Family Night Adult Youth Children (Wed) ..... 7 pm

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Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ..... 7 pm

Calvary Baptist Church  
Pastor: Dr. Robert Bennett

M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am

Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ..... 7 pm

Church of Christ  
Old US-29 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613

In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8 ..... 7:30 am

Sunday Classes ..... 10 am

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm

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Midweek Bible Study (Wed) ..... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle  
Pastor: Lyle Stude

211 Shellenberger St. - (989) 348-5325

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6 pm

Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

Church of Christ Today North  
Minister: Terry Dickinson

Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at tmlrd@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist  
Pastor: James Durfee

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle  
Pastor: Patricia Petric - (989) 348-1278

501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Sun Service, Children's Church & Youth Service ..... 11 am

Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

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Community of Christ  
Pastor: Ann Doty

North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751

Church School ..... 9:45 am

Preaching ..... 11 am

Midweek Service: Prayer ..... 7 pm

Saturday Evening Masses ..... 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses ..... 10 am

Bear Lake Christian  
Pastor: David Rosenberg

Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer

M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.

Sunday Church Service ..... 10 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday School ..... 9 am

Bible Study (Wed) ..... 7 pm

Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. .... 6:30 pm

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Sunday Service ..... 6 pm

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Sacramento ..... 10 am

## Grayling Elementary students show they care



Students at the Grayling Elementary School recently participated in a food drive called "Show You Care!" Each classroom had a target goal of donations to collect. Classes earned a reward once this goal was reached. The top three classrooms were treated to a pizza party given by GES Principal Melissa Stone. Almost every classroom exceeded its goal, with the top three classrooms being Mrs. Johnson's, Mrs. Partlo's and Mrs. Canfield's. Fourth grader Mallory Stephan said, "We had a lot, and Mom said others have helped us so now we can help them."

## Hanson Hills gearing up for winter season

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so wet," said Andre.

With the heavy snowfall late last week and into the weekend, park staff may have opened more trails before this goes to press.

For the time being, nordic skiers are able to try the cross country trails for free. They will start charging their regular rates when the majority of the trails have opened.

The trail system should have something new to offer even the seasoned locals. They have tweaked many of the routes, with even bigger plans in store for the near future.

## Flu shots widely available

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Each vaccination is only good for one season.

"There is plenty of flu (vaccine) this year ... more than enough to meet any demand there would be," said Young. "Every year they keep expanding the recommendations."

Flu shots do more than just protect the person who receives the immunization. They also make it impossible for the immunized person to infect others. This can be especially valuable for protecting the elderly, who can be particularly vulnerable to the flu.

"Do it for those around you," said Young.

Because it takes some time for symptoms to appear, someone can be infected with the influenza virus without realizing it.

Flu shots are available to adults for \$26. Although not all insurance plans will cover flu shots, Medicade does. The Federal government is currently paying for flu vaccinations for all children under age 18. Shots are available for children for a small administrative fee at the health department.

The health department is

"We have plans for a classic only trail," said Andre.

Meanwhile, the down-hill runs are tentatively scheduled to open on Dec. 19.

"Most of our preseason maintenance is going on," said Andre.

The ski park's four snow machines are fully operational and all ski lifts are ready for riders.

"Come the 19th, we'll have to see what kind of snow we can make," said Andre.

Hanson Hills is also updating the pricing of the tubing hill in order to

improve the experience for park guests.

Tubers will now pay for hour and a half "sessions" instead of being charged a running hourly rate. The number of concurrent sessions on the hill at one time will be limited to 30.

This should reduce congestion and ensure that less time is spent waiting in lines.

Andre hopes that this season will live up to last year's success.

"Last year was probably the perfect season," said Andre. "With this business, it has a lot to do with the weather."

also offering a new "flu mist" nasal spray to certain demographics. No only is this a good alternative for people who are squeamish about needles, tests indicate that the spray is actually more effective against the virus than a traditional flu shot.

The flu mist is currently being offered to healthy people between the ages of

two and 49. People with certain chronic illnesses should not take the nasal spray, as it requires a more robust immune system than the shot.

"The message is, definitely get your flu shot," said Young.

For more information, the Crawford County Health Department can be contacted at 989-348-7800.



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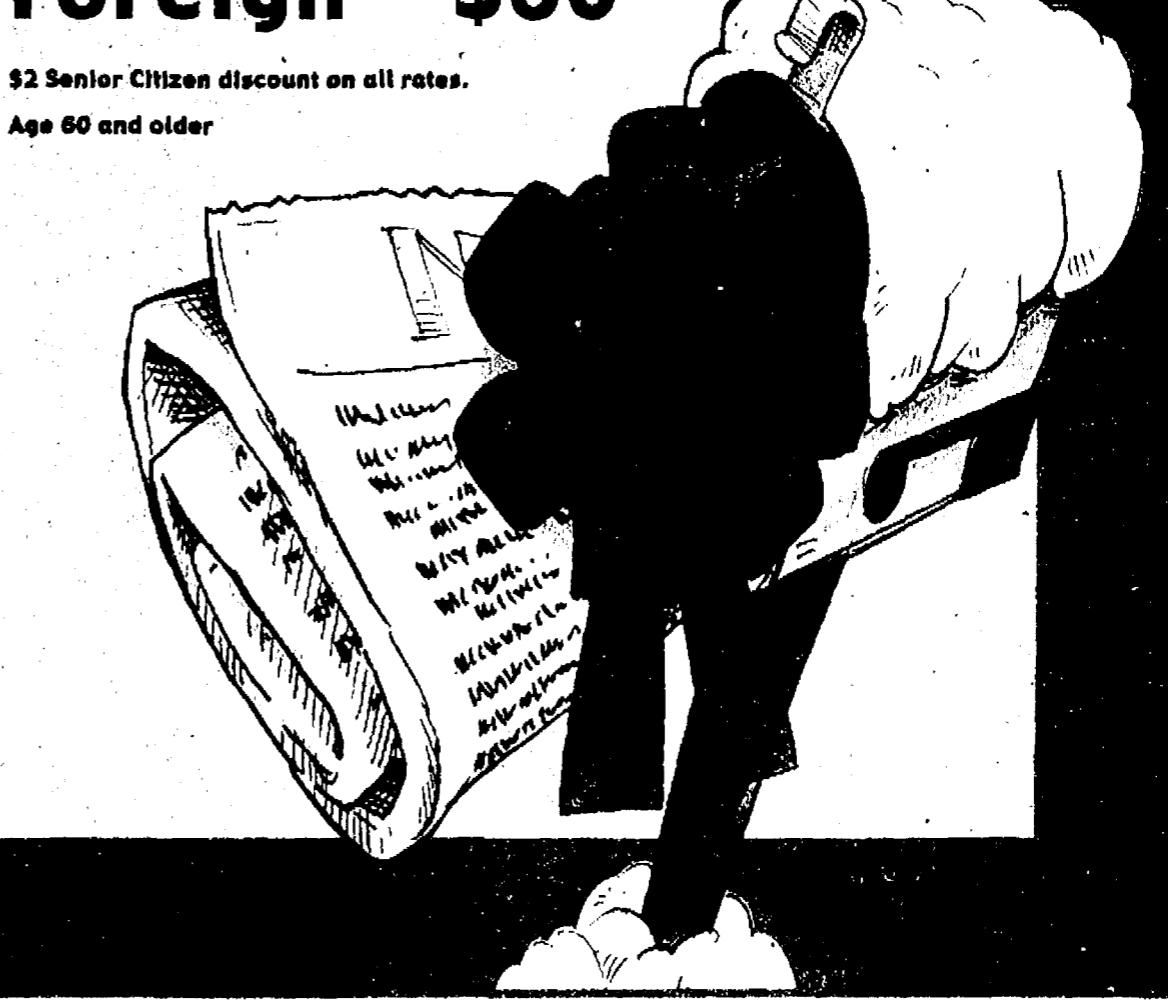
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# Michigan revises emerald ash borer quarantine

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) today revised its emerald ash borer quarantine to consolidate all 68 contiguous counties of the Lower Peninsula into one quarantine level – effective immediately. MDA, however, is asking travelers not to move firewood to help prevent the artificial spread of other exotic and devastating insects like the gypsy moth. The ban on moving firewood across the Mackinac Bridge remains in effect. As part of the amendment, Delta and Schoolcraft counties in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) were also added to the

EAB interior quarantine.

"MDA remains committed to protecting the ash resource in the U.P. from the artificial spread of EAB and this amendment simply allows us to focus our attention there," said Ken Rauscher, MDA's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division Director. "Although, travelers are now able to freely move firewood in the Lower Peninsula, we are urging them not to do so as there are several other invasive insects – such as the Asian longhorned beetle and the siren woodwasp – that can hitch a ride on it. Please continue to only use local sources of firewood, burn all you buy, and don't take any unused firewood back home or to the next location."

"Campers and hunters are reminded to purchase firewood locally when visiting state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds," said Ron Olson, Parks and Recreation chief for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "Bringing ash firewood onto state forests, state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds violates state land

use rules."

Prior to this revision, MDA's EAB interior quarantine divided the Lower Peninsula into two quarantine levels: 21 counties in southeast Michigan were Level I and the remaining 47 counties were Level II. This revision effective merges the two quarantines and make the entire Lower Peninsula on level.

"Hardwood firewood is still prohibited from leaving the Lower Peninsula as it is the leading cause of spreading EAB and other invasives. Quarantine violators can still face fines and jail time," said Rauscher. "The inspection station at the Mackinac Bridge remains in place and will continue to prevent hardwood firewood and other regulated ash material from entering the UP."

The addition of Delta and Schoolcraft Counties to the EAB interior quarantine is a result of an EAB infestation discovered in the fall of 2008.

The Delta County quarantine is divided into two levels; the townships of Garden, Fairbanks and Nahma are designated as Quarantine Level II, and

the remaining portion of Delta County is Level III.

The Schoolcraft County quarantine is also divided into two levels; the townships of Inwood and Thompson are designated as Quarantine Level II, and the remaining portion of Schoolcraft is Level III. The movement of hardwood firewood and other regulated material out of quarantine Level II and III areas is prohibited, though regulated articles may move from Level III into Level II.

EAB is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees. In its larval stage, EAB feeds undetected under the bark of ash trees, disrupting water and nutrient flow and ultimately killing the trees in three to four years. First discovered in 2002, the borer is responsible for the death or damage of approximately 35 million ash trees in the Lower Peninsula.

Individuals or businesses found violating the state's EAB quarantine are subject to fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years for moving regulated ash materials, including firewood.

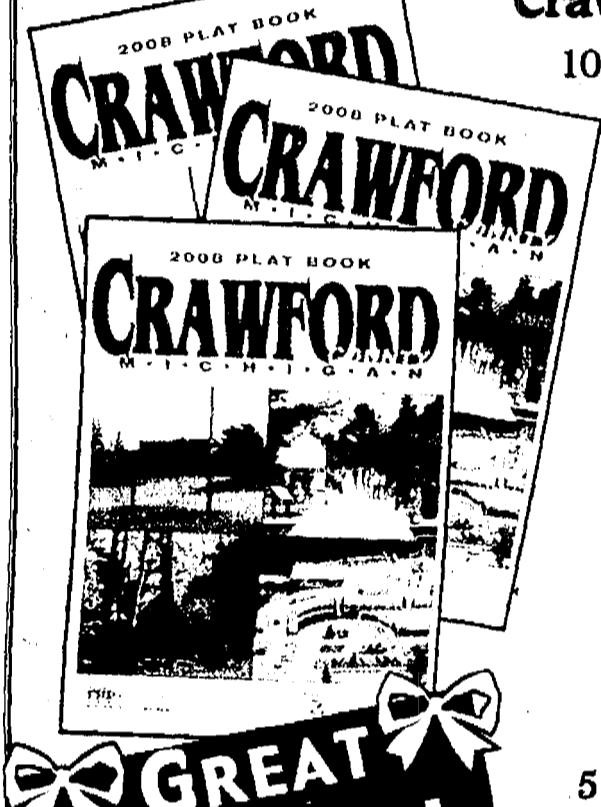
Additional information about EAB, quarantine details, and a map of the quarantine boundaries are available at [www.michigan.gov/eab](http://www.michigan.gov/eab) or [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).

## Honors

### Hope College

Matthew Larson, a Hope College junior from Grayling, received an athletic letter for Hope College's football team. The football team ended in third place in the conference standings.

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# Michigan climbs in 2008 State New Economy Index

Michigan has climbed to a 17th ranking in the 2008 State New Economy Index, up from a position of 34th just nine years ago, according to a report released Tuesday.

Only one other state has experienced a greater rise - Rhode Island moved from 29th to 11th in the same amount of time.

"In spite of the current economic turmoil with the automotive industry, Michigan's new ranking is positive and encouraging," said Rex LaMore, director of the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development.

"The changes brought by digital technologies and innovation-driven economics are the future of the state in the global economy. And, it is important to know we can compete successfully with other states and regions

across the globe."

The State New Economy Index is generated by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) and the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

States are ranked according to how their economies are structured and their ability to compete nationally and globally.

Five categories are evaluated using 29 indicators including knowledge jobs, globalization, economic dynamism, transformation to a digital economy and technological innovation capacity.

LaMore also notes that the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development recently started a federally-funded project working with three northern Michigan regional planning agencies that will use some State New Economy Index measures.

These measures will be applied to benchmark and gauge progress in northern Michigan's performance in the global knowledge economy.

"Using these measures will help gauge where we are, the planning partners and the stakeholders want to go strategically," LaMore said.

Working together, MSU and the regional partners and local stakeholders will design new economic strategies that address their needs, and community needs, most effectively.

"It's encouraging to see our state move forward in knowledge economy sectors. Our collaboration with northern Michigan can provide an innovative model to accelerate the region's progress. Our success here could lead to a model used to improve other areas in the future."

MSU faculty and staff are

working with three regional partners, covering a total of 21 counties in northern Michigan:

Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, including Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford counties.

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, including Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties.

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**Traverse City** - The Traverse Symphony Orchestra's annual holiday concert has a new name, "Candles and Fireworks," and an all-new look. The new venue, Bay Pointe Community Church, offers improved seating and amenities, beautiful holiday decorations, state of the art technology and lighted parking.

The dynamic and internationally known conductor, Franz Anton Krager, has chosen music and soloists to celebrate both the Christmas Season and the New Year. Maestro Krager will lead soloists Nicole Philibosian, violinist Paul Sonner, the NMC Chorale, Chamber Singers and Traverse Symphony Chorus in the melodies of the Christmas season and the waltzes, galops and marches of a Viennese New Year. Bring noisemakers.

Performances are 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14. For ticket information, call 231-947-7120 or visit [www.tso-online.org](http://www.tso-online.org).

**St. Ignace** - Jones Soda "Battle at the Bridge" Squirt Hockey Tournament will be held in St. Ignace on Dec. 6 - 7. Six teams of 9 and 10 year olds will vie for the Squirt Jones Soda Championship. This tournament is sanctioned by MAHA and USA Hockey with sanction number MIT090144.

These events have free admission for the bleacher seating. Concessions will be open with food and drinks.

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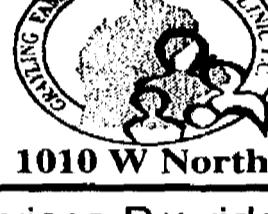
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## Obituaries



**Rose C. Savoie**

Rose Catherine Savoie, 83, of Grayling, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

She was born in Rudyard, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, on September 20, 1925.

Following her graduation from Rudyard High School, she completed training from The Detroit College of Beauty.

She married Philip Joseph Savoie on August 28, 1946. They raised their family of nine children in Flint and in Lennon. They moved to Grayling in 1988.

She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was a member of the St. Mary's Women's Club. She also served as Eucharistic Minister and cared for the altar linens for many years. She served as a volunteer with The Mercy Hospital Auxiliary for several years.

She was a talented seamstress and provided alterations for many Grayling residents.

She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her nine children: June Savoie (Dol Latuszek), Patricia Bryce, Ken (Catherine) Savoie, Cathy (Mark) Krueger, Theresa (Robert) Root, Rebecca (Charles) Goff, Christine (Duane) Averill, Mark (Karen) Savoie and Ann (Rick) Kloska; 27 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Price and Sr. Theresa Desrochers; and one brother, Raymond Desrochers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Hanora (Haydon) Desrochers; her husband of 60 years, Philip Joseph Savoie; son-in-law Philip Bryce, two sisters, Hanora Desrochers and Evelyn Trombley; and two brothers, Leo and Jim Desrochers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling on December 1, with Reverend Robert W. Nalley officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, or Mercy Hospital Auxiliary.

Arrangements made by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

### Charles McBride

Charles "Tom" McBride, 75, of Grayling, passed away on Friday, November 28, 2008.

He served in the U.S. Air Force as an airman first class during the Korean War.

He graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in Chemical and Electrical Engineering.

He married the former Catherine Gallagher on September 1, 1956, at St. Rita's in Detroit.

He worked as a production engineer at the GM Tech Center.

He moved to the Grayling area in 1984, coming from Huntington Woods.

He and his wife Cathy own and operate McBride's Cabins of Grayling.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Michelson Mens Group and the Grayling Snowmobile Association.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy; children: Maureen (Jim) Townsend of Comstock Park, Tom (Lisa) McBride of Novi, Patty (Mike) Nackerman of Chesterfield, Va., Tim McBride of Madison Heights, Coleen (Roger) Hella of Troy, Cathleen (Tim) Depp of Hartland, Jim McBride of Royal Oak; 14 grandchildren; brother, Jim McBride of Madison Heights; sister, Virginia (John) Marko of Macomb Twp.; and brother-in-law, Louie Essiambre.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Pat Essiambre.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling on December 2, with Father Bill Overmann officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling. Graveside military honors will be accorded.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 707 Spruce St., Grayling, MI 49738, for a fund to enhance landscaping and grounds of the parish or to Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, or to the Grayling Snowmobile Association.

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### Florence I. Kincheloe

Florence Ida Kincheloe, 95, of Frederic, passed away on November 21, 2008.

She was born in Mt. Clemens, on November 11, 1913, to the late Pearl and Ida (LaForest) Gray.

She married Harold L. Kincheloe on July 19, 1949, in Fremont, Ohio. He preceded her in death on January 18, 1978.

She was self employed in a cleaning business co-owned with her husband.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

She also volunteered with Mercy Hospital Auxiliary at Mercy Manor. She enjoyed reading and receiving phone calls from her best friend, Alta Bindschadler.

She is survived by her son, Robert Floyd (Lynn) of Ky.; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters; two brothers; and son, Paul Edward Gray.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on November 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling, with Father Robert Nalley officiating.

Interment was at Maple Forest Cemetery.

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### Marshall Spencer

Marshall Spencer, 80, of Grayling, passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2008.

He was born in Detroit, on May 8, 1928, to the late Marshall and Evelyn (Mitchell) Spencer.

He married the former Helen Stowe on January 26, 1963, in Ferndale. She preceded him in death in 2006.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia (Mike) Humphrey of Calif.; sons, James (Linda) and Thomas Spencer of Calif.; step-daughter, Shannon Johnson of Wis.; step-son, Ernest Johnson of Calif.; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Knotley "Bo" Spencer, Tim Spencer; and sister, Marsha Spencer.

In keeping with respect of his wishes, he was cremated and there will be no service.

Cards for the family can be sent to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Grayling, MI 49738, c/o Marshall Spencer family.

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### Anna M. Biernat

Anna Marie Biernat, 54, of Lovells, passed away at her home.

She was born in Detroit, on August 4, 1954, to Thomas and Wanda (Stankiewicz) Biernat.

She graduated from Oakland University and lived in Troy before moving to Lovells.

Her career path was that of a creative nature and took her into the world of advertising and visual marketing. She held positions with the J.L. Hudson Company and major commercial photography studios.

Her passion was reading and gardening. She was an avid member of the Master Gardener Program and she maintained the gardens at the Lovells Historical Museum.

A remembrance will be scheduled at a later date in the spring.

Memorials may be made to the Lovells Township Historical Society, Attn: Anna M. Biernat Memorial Scholarship Fund, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, or to the Hospice of Michigan, in care of Mark Rayajczak, 10023 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738.

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Thanks to Dr. Ramaswamy and the nurses and aides on 2S, during my recent hospital stays, and to my friends for their prayers and concerns for me. Special thanks to Linda Welch and my wonderful family for their loving care. A big thanks to all the blood donors.

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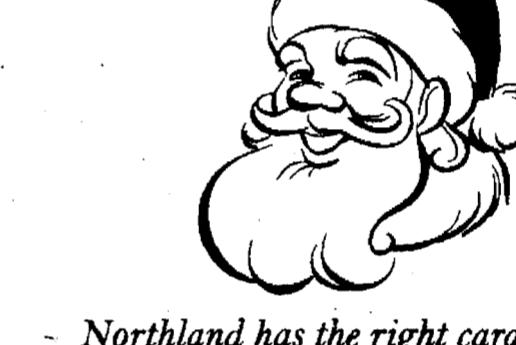
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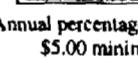
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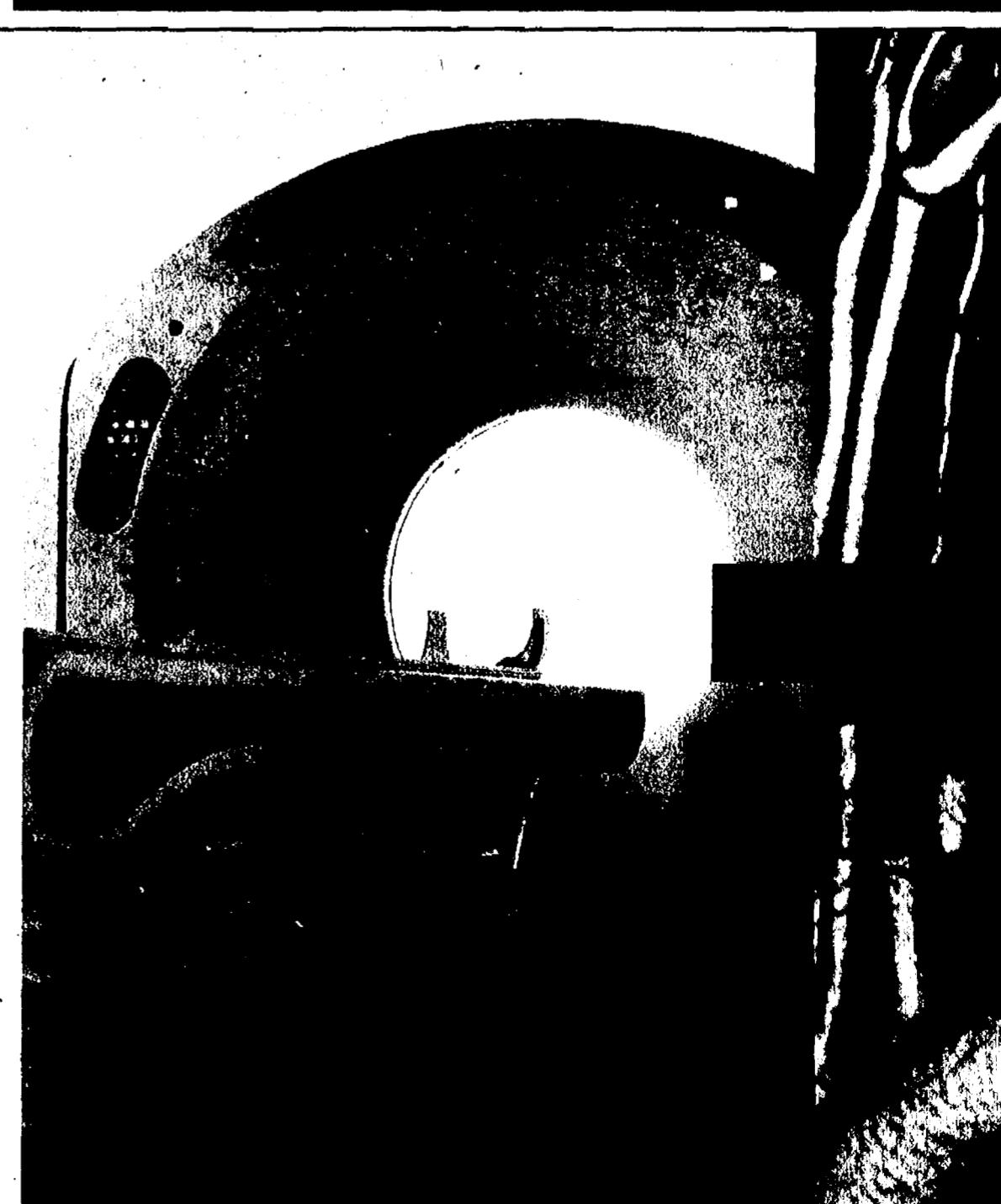
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Crystal Lane and Jon King, of Roscommon, announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlyn Katheren, born at Mercy Hospital on November 24, 2008,

at 1:30 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 18 inches in length.

Erin and Eric Brinks, of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Owen

Robert, born at Mercy Hospital on November 25, 2008, at 8:27 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

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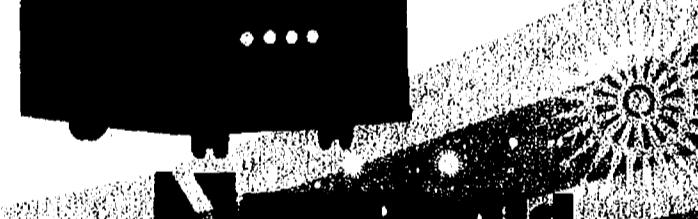
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## Senior-heavy team learns new offense for 2008-2009 season

Boys basketball squad to play at Roscommon on Tuesday night

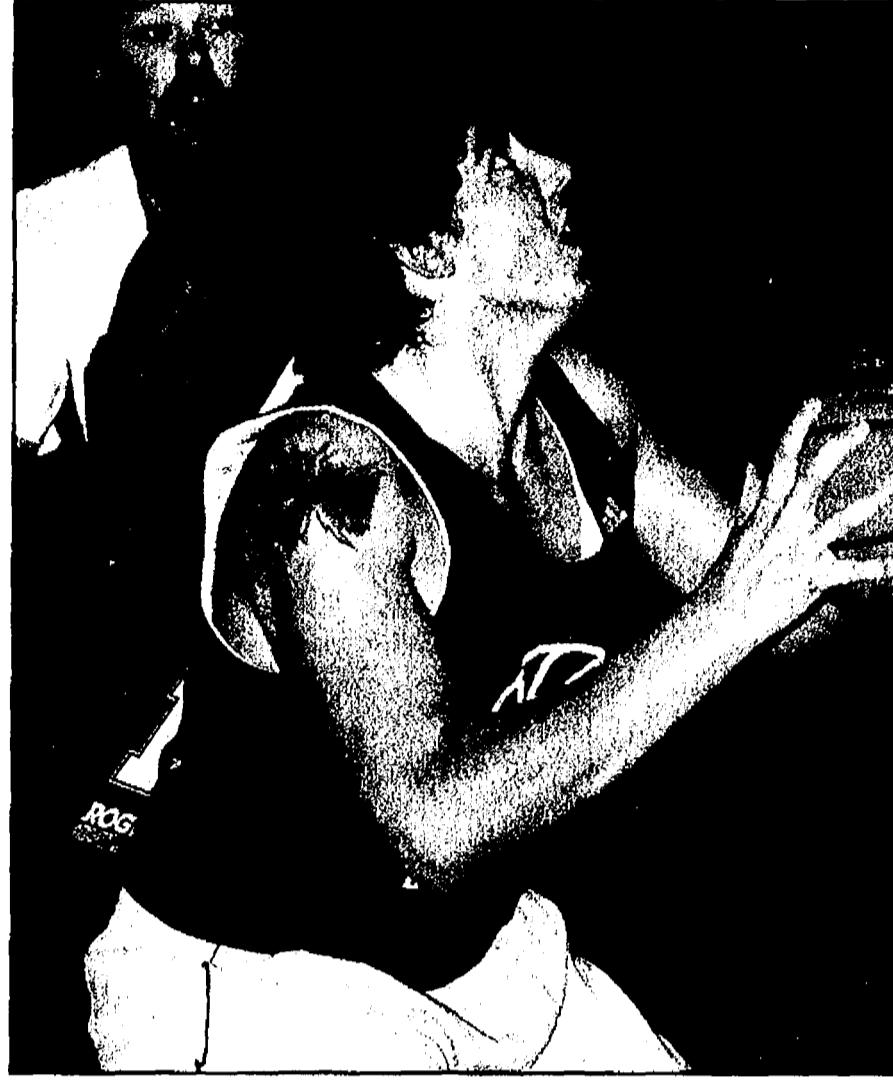
by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

This year's Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team - a group that will be senior-heavy with nine 12th graders - is learning a new offense as part of its preparation for the 2008-2009 season, which starts with a game at Roscommon next Tuesday.

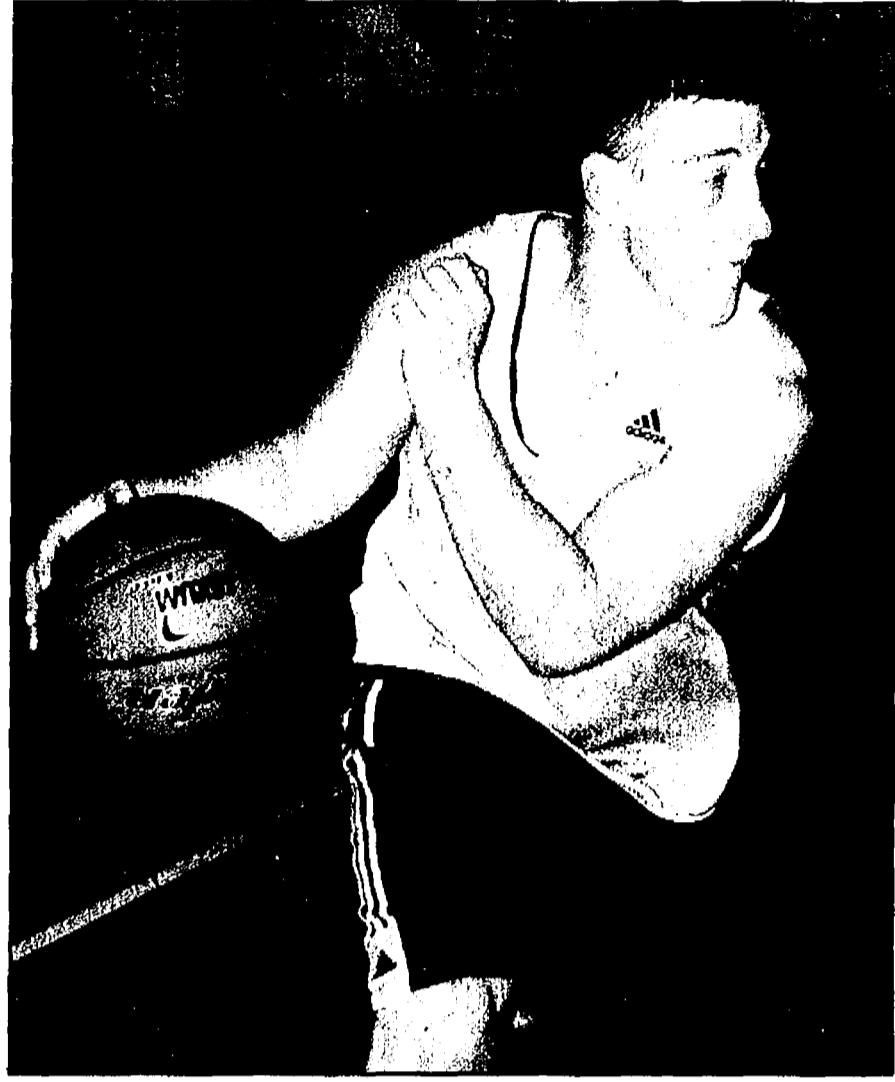
The squad has 13 players - nine seniors, three juniors, and one freshman. Seniors include Alex Gabriel, Spencer Dean, Trent Larm, Tyler Steffey, Ryan Foguth, Doug Gothro, Ross Teeple, Jacob Aubry, and Eric Ferrigan. Juniors include Colin Hamlin, James Schweizer, and Joe Tottingham. The team also has one freshman - Steven Enos.

The squad began its official practices on Monday, Nov. 17. Rich Moffit, who's in his 14th season as coach of the Vikings, said his team's practices so far have been "not bad - we're making progress. We've changed our offense to play to our

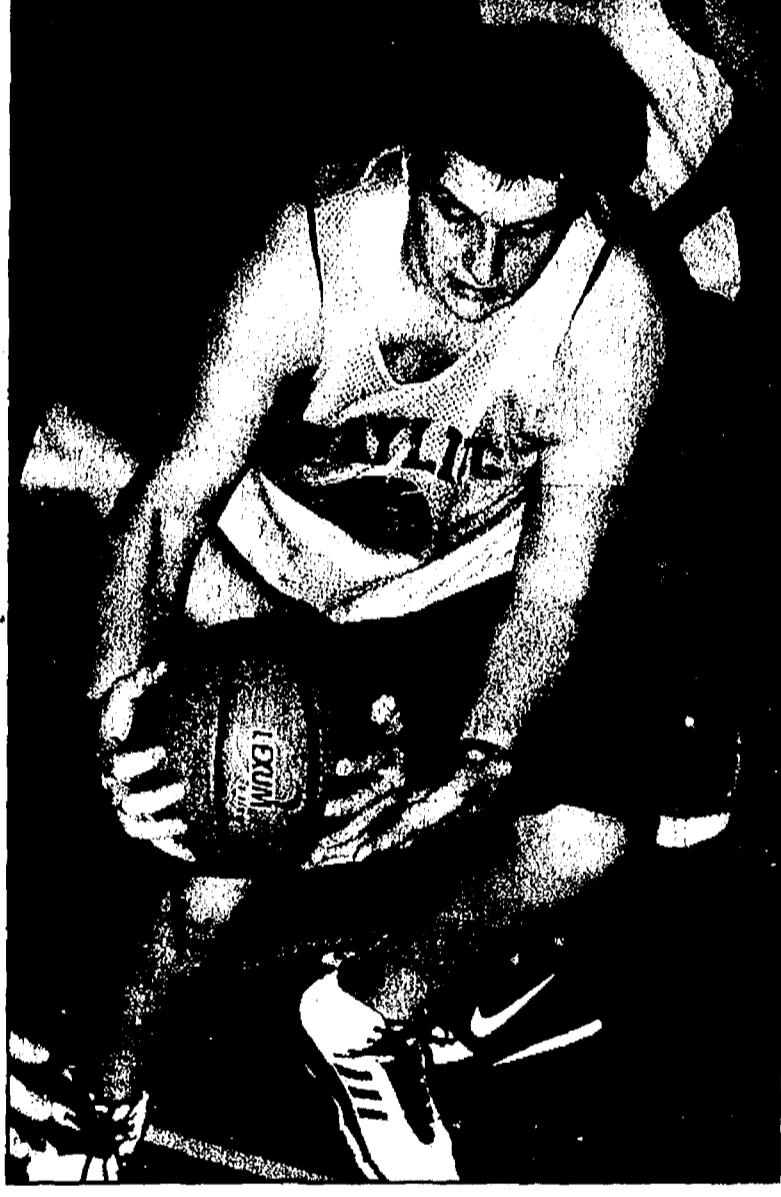
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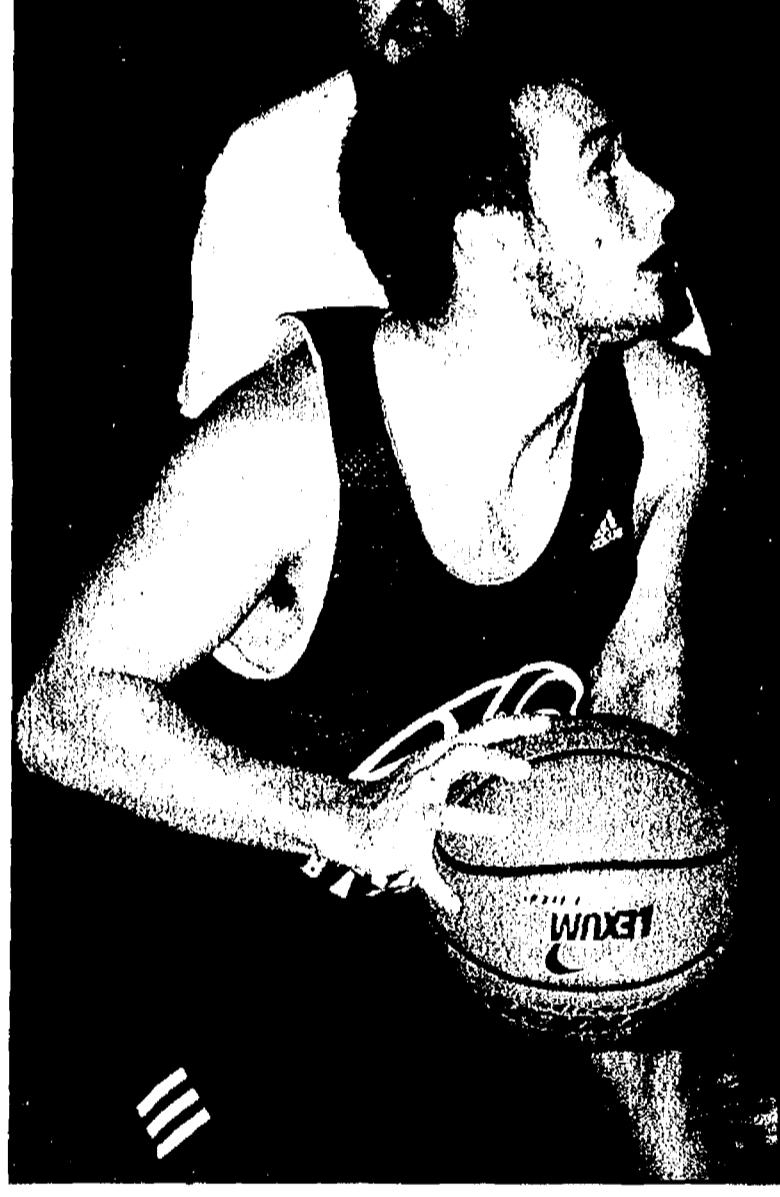
Ross Teeple takes an inside shot during a practice drill on Thursday, Nov. 20.



Ryan Foguth dribbles the ball for the Vikings during a recent varsity boys basketball practice.



Alex Gabriel battles for a loose ball during practice on Nov. 20.



Jacob Aubry sets up for an inside shot at a recent practice.



Spencer Dean pushes the ball up the floor during a practice drill.

Photos by Caleb Casey

## Strong group of returners to lead this year's wrestling team

Vikings look to win third consecutive district title

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling High School wrestling team - a squad that has an active streak of two consecutive district titles - will rely heavily on a strong group of returning wrestlers during its quest for a third straight district championship and a second consecutive conference title this year.

As of last Wednesday, the team had 26 wrestlers - 15 returners and 11 athletes new to the team.

"Eleven first-timers - that's a huge positive," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "Kids that have never wrestled are out."

"We have 26 right now. Last year, we had about the same number start out, but we haven't had anyone drop this year, so we'll see," Coach Ferrigan said. "They've been pretty tough so far. We've beat the heck out of them in practice and they haven't given up."

Ferrigan specifically mentioned several wrestlers he expects will offer significant contributions this year.

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Ashten Linkhart wrestles against Drake Kaul during practice on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

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Eric Ferrigan, left, and Tyler Steffey, right, take inside shots while Assistant Coach Ryan Fritz applies simulated defensive contact during a practice drill on Thursday, Nov. 20.

## Senior-heavy team learns new offense for 2008-2009 season

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strengths."

Coach Moffit said his team's strong point is "definitely our inside game. We've got some tall, athletic kids, so we're going to play to our strengths. It's a continuity motion offense. It uses a series of cuts and forces the kids to be active and move without the ball."

"We need to focus on defensive communication," Coach Moffit said. "Rebounding's improving for us. Offensively, (we need to work on) spacing and taking care of the ball, moving the ball to the open guy and creating shots."

With the season change last year - a switch that sent volleyball to the fall and moved girls basketball to the winter - both basketball programs have to share the gym, often at the same time.

"We haven't had full court yet. It's really tough because of the lack of facilities. I hope it doesn't put our kids at a disadvantage. It's tough - really tough," Coach Moffit said.

According to Moffit, the team's main four goals this year are: to have a winning season, to finish in the top



Photos by Caleb Casey  
Trent Larm sets up for a shot during a recent varsity boys basketball practice at Grayling High School.

half of the Lake Michigan Conference, to win its district tournament, and to earn an academic all-state award as a group from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

"Traverse City St. Francis should be the class of the (Lake Michigan Conference)," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings will open their 2008-2009 season

said. "From there, there will be a lot of teams in the middle."

"I think our character's pretty decent," Coach Moffit said. "I think they're going to understand what it takes to be successful - it's just a matter of doing it."

The Vikings will open

with a nonconference game at Roscommon on Tuesday, Dec. 9. The junior varsity teams will play at 6 p.m., and the varsity contest will follow.

Grayling's home opener is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13, vs. Suttons Bay. The JV teams will play at 6 p.m.

## Kirtland Basketball

**Women's team** - The Kirtland Lady Firebirds shot 24 percent in the first half of their game on Saturday, Nov. 22, against the Lansing Community College Stars, leading to a 37-20 halftime deficit. A 46 percent effort in the second half brought them closer, but they were unable to complete the comeback, as they lost 70-58.

"We had a better second half," Kirtland Head Coach Tom Ritter said. "We just couldn't put the ball in the

hoop the first half."

Kaylon Leslie (Whitemore-Prescott) led the team with 22 points, nine rebounds, and one assist. Whitney Bonham (Evart) had 17 points, nine rebounds, and one assist. Brooke Robinson (Standish-Sterling) had seven points, five rebounds, and one assist. Natasha (Augers-Sims) had four points and two assists. Joyana Englehart (Atlanta) had four points and one rebound. Katic Shea (Clare) had two points, four

rebounds, and one assist. Kassi McConnell (Clare) had two points, two rebounds, and three assists. Jo'ell Cruse (Inland Lakes) had one assist.

**Men's team** - A strong 30-point performance by Torey Throope (Vestaburg) wasn't enough for the Kirtland Firebirds men's basketball team on Saturday, Nov. 22. The Lansing Community College Stars played to an 81-66 victory, leading most of the way, including a 42-27 edge at the half.

Throope hit five of his 10 three-point shots and was seven of eight from the line en route to his 30 points. He also grabbed seven rebounds.

Klavs Bogdanvics (Latvia/Ravenswood, WV) put in 12 points, Nick Simpson (Bay City All Saints) had 11 points and 11 rebounds, Duane Marcellis (Madison Heights) had seven points and two rebounds, Marc Wallace (Kalkaska) had three points and four assists, and Robert Phillips (Gaylord) had two points, four assists, and one rebound.

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## GMS Basketball

### 7th grade "green" (boys)

The GMS 7th grade "green" boys basketball squad won two games last week, finishing the first half of its 2008 season with a 5-1 overall record.

On Wednesday, the Vikings defeated West Branch 33-8 at Grayling Middle School.

Top scorers for Grayling were Scott Wakely (10) and Matt Burrell (9).

"The team had their best rebounding game of the year with Peyton Zigila and Justice Junttila being the leading rebounders. The team played great defense and shut out the West Branch team during the second half," Coach Doug Pummell said.

On Monday, the team played Boyne City at home and won 47-38. Top scorers were Tyler McClanahan (14) and Jake Swander (10).

"Boyne was up by one going into the fourth quarter, but the team played great defense and held them to only four points to seal the win," Coach Pummell said.

On Nov. 19, the team traveled to East Jordan and won by a final score of 45-20.

"The game was close - 16-11 - at the end of the first quarter, but the team played great defense, causing a lot of turnovers and holding East Jordan to eight points over the last three quarters," Coach Pummell said.

Leading scorers for GMS were Burrell (14) and Swander (9).

In the squad's second game of the season, Grayling lost by six points vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

"(We) fell behind 9-0 in the first minute of the game and had to play catch up the rest of the night. The game was tied in the fourth quarter, but St. Francis won the game 43-37," Coach Pummell said.

Burrell (9) and McClanahan (7) were Grayling's leading scorers.

"We look forward to playing this team again the last week of the season," Coach Pummell said.

On Nov. 18, Grayling defeated Elk Rapids 35-18 at GMS.

"The team did a nice job boxing out and rebounding against a much taller team," Coach Pummell said.

Leading scorers were Junttila (8), McClanahan

(7), and Michael Branch (6).

The team opened its season on Oct. 29 with a 55-9 win vs. West Branch.

Every player on the Grayling roster scored points in the contest. Zigila (13) and McClanahan (9) were the leading scorers for Grayling.

"This team plays really well together and have been well coached in the past.

They came in with a good knowledge of the game and all of them really see the floor well and have good basic skills. We will improve and build on those skills over the course of the season," Coach Pummell said.

The "green" team includes Brandon Latusek, Branch, McClanahan, Swander, Wakely, Burrell, Junttila, Zigila, and Mitchell Thompson.

The squad plays at Charlevoix on Monday, Dec. 8.

### 8th grade "green" (boys)

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade "green" boys basketball team (3-3 overall) won one game and lost one game last week.

The Vikings won 52-21 at West Branch on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

"We played as a complete team tonight for the first time. Everything was working, including our transition offense. We have worked and worked on this in practice and I was thrilled to finally see the boys put it together on the court," Coach Rocky Tobin said. "I couldn't be more pleased with what I saw out of all of them tonight."

Scott Parkinson had 19 points for GMS and Wes Dean had 10 points.

On Monday, Nov. 24, the Vikings lost a home game vs. Boyne City.

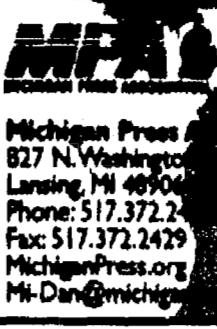
"It was a tough loss for us," Coach Tobin said. "They had two big guards that were just unstoppable. I was proud of the way the boys played. Last year, as 7th graders, this team beat us by over 45 points, so to come away with a 56-37

loss, I feel like we've made some improvements, although we still have some work to do."

"I can't say enough about the dedication and determination of these boys on the court. They just don't give up," Coach Tobin said.

The team plays at Charlevoix and Elk Rapids next week.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald Balmes and Vivian Balmes, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 1998 and recorded February 9, 1998 in Liber 446, Page 589, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Old Kent Mortgage Company now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and 39/100 Dollars (\$93,730.39) including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 31, 32 and 33, Skyline Heights, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 13, 2008  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
248-502-1400  
File No. 426.0124

date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$46,109.50) including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan for a point of beginning; thence South 20 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence North 20 rods, thence East 4 rods to the point of beginning.

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ed in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 30th day of October, 2003 in Liber 657 of Crawford County Records, page 135, said Mortgage having been assigned to North Area Central Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six & 06/100 Dollars (\$11,786.06), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W, lying on the South side of M-72 as now surveyed During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 11/19/2008 North Area Central Credit Union Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for North Area Central Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 12th day of June, 2003 and record-

11/27/2008, 12/04/2008  
12/11/2008 -20-27-4-11

LECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to Danielle Michelle Atkins, a child born to Kimberly Louise Atkins on August 26, 1995, in Crawford County, Michigan. It appears that ordinary power of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby ORDERED to file an Answer to the Petition to Termination of Parental Rights with the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Knox County, Tennessee, 3323 Division Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919, and to serve a copy of that Answer upon Susan D. Kovac, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 531 Henley Street, Suite 531, Knoxville, TN 37902, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be December 4, 2008, and/or to appear for trial on January 6, 2009 at 9:00 AM, at Knox County Juvenile Court. If you fail to do so, a judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-117(n), Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P., and Rules 1 and 39 of the Tenn. R. of Juv. P. for the relief demanded in the petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office at the address shown above.

ENTER this the 9th day of October, 2008.

Timothy E. Irwin  
JUDGE

13-20-27-4

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dan R Baker and Kathleen I Baker, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 16, 2006, and recorded on November 14, 2006 in Liber 684 on Page 162, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Five & 58/100 Dollars (\$41,950.58), including interest at 8.96% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 17, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of West 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 25 North, Range 4

West.

ENTER this the 9th day of October, 2008.

Timothy E. Irwin  
JUDGE

13-20-27-4

PREPARED FOR ENTRY:

Susan D. Kovac, BPR #5189

Regional General Counsel

Department of Children's Services

531 Henley Street, Suite 531

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 13, 2008

For more information, please call:

FC 1.248.593.1312

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer

31440 Northwestern Highway,

Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525

File #216800F03

-13-20-27-4

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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## Legal Action

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary A. Danieluk, a single man and Tamara L. Harwood, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2007, and recorded on October 23, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 43, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen And 53/100 Dollars (\$82,916.53), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B-1: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, thence South 87 degrees 58 minutes East 330.0 feet along the Section line, thence North 0 degrees 40 minutes West 393.07 feet, thence North 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East 318.85 feet, along center line of County Road 612 to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East 207.49 feet, on said line, thence North 53 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 137.62 feet along Northerly line of Railroad Grade, thence North 0 degrees 39 minutes West 702.68 feet, thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes West 314.48 feet, thence South 0 degrees 40 minutes East 828.06 feet to the point of beginning.

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 27, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248,593,1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-2525

File #232613F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darrin E. Hawes and Racquel V. Hawes (aka Racquel V. Schaub, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Federal of Michigan, The Michigan operating name of Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2001, and recorded on September 5, 2001 in Liber 0551 on Page 534, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$72,828.13) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Ausable Trails Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, of Plats, Page 59, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 210 Rolla, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: NOVEMBER 25, 2008  
Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, by assignment dated February 6, 2004 and recorded March 12, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$72,828.13) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM on January 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 25, Creekview No. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records

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## 1. Real Estate

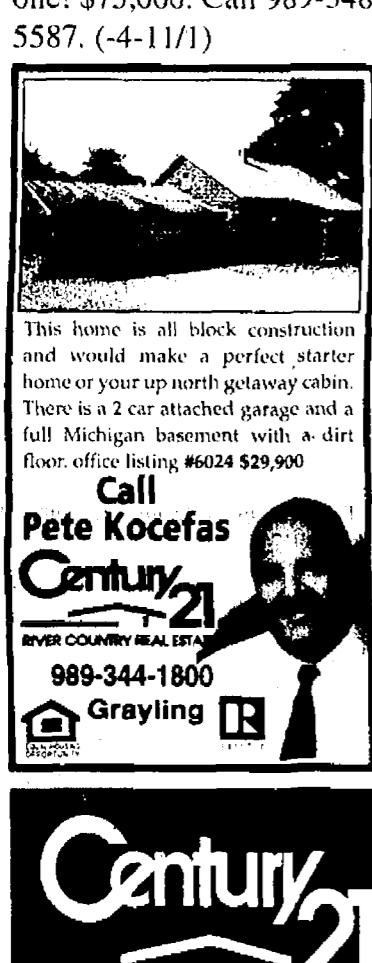
**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME** 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

**FOR SALE** Hunt camp with well and electric, secluded, adjoining state land, 24' travel trailer included, \$19,900. 989-329-3249. (-27-4/1)

**FOR SALE BY OWNER** Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/1)

**BEAUTIFUL HOME** In town of Frederic. Great shape, new carpet, new paint. 4 bedrooms, large yard, 2 car garage, carport, full basement and new appliances. Don't miss this one! \$75,000. Call 989-348-5587. (-4-11/1)



## 2. For Rent

**MOBILE HOMES** 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

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**BIG HOUSE** Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at [www.qualtyhomrentals.net](http://www.qualtyhomrentals.net) (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

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**FOR RENT** 1 bedroom house. \$425 a month plus utilities, \$400 security deposit required. 101 D. State Street. Call 989-430-7497. (-4/2)

**FOR RENT** Older 4 bedroom home located at 301 Huron St., Grayling. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

**FOR RENT** Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. \$750 per month, \$750 security deposit required. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/2)

**ONE BEDROOM HOUSE** 1 full bath, range and refrigerator. No pets. \$350 a month plus security deposit, tenant pays utilities. 989-348-4716. (11/6/08tf/2)

**3. Employment**

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**FOR RENT OR LEASE** With option to buy. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom house between Roscommon and Grayling. Attached 1 1/2 car garage, all appliances furnished. Will consider pet. Negotiable snowplowing and yard work. References plus security deposit. \$575. 989-329-4826. (-27-4/2)

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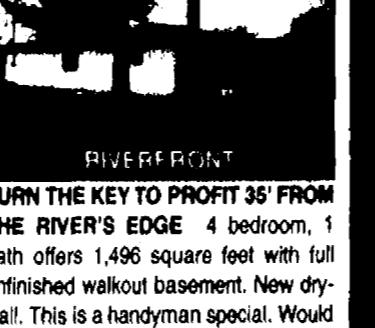
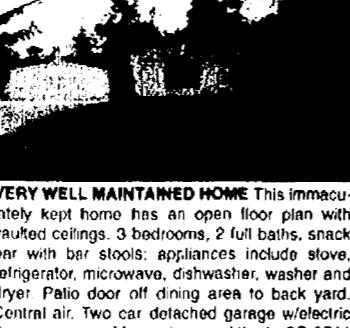
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**ROB'S ROOFING** All types, metal, rubber and shingles. If chopping ice has you down, check out our 2, 3 and 4 foot ice edging, many colors. Call 989-915-2100. (-4-11/4)

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**MARTY'S FIREWOOD** Oak firewood \$55 per face cord. Also Popular, Maple, Cherry - for less. Buyers of standing or down timber, 989-390-3930. (-6-13-20-27-4-11/5)

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## 5. For Sale

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**YAMAHA LS 2000** 270 hp jet boat, year 2000. A must see, very low hours. \$10,500 OBO, must sell. 989-344-8802 or 231-624-0107. (11/13/08/5)

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**1995 SKI DOO** Formula S 380 cc, \$650. 2,700 miles, very good condition. 348-4735. (-4-11/5)

**COMPUTER SPEAKERS** Lansing Altec, two towers with subwoofer, \$50; Metal detector, \$40; black leather jacket, large, \$50; large dining room table, \$50 and home stereo, nice. Call Chuck, 348-4297. (-4/5)

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## 11 Automotive

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## ITEM #1

2003 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN#2FAFP71W773X221785, 131,450 miles, minimum bid \$500.00

## ITEM #2

2004 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN#2FAFP71W04X167120, 122,350 miles, minimum bid \$500.00

## ITEM #3

1998 Ford Expedition, VIN#1FMPU18L4WL19695, 163,575 miles, minimum bid \$500.00

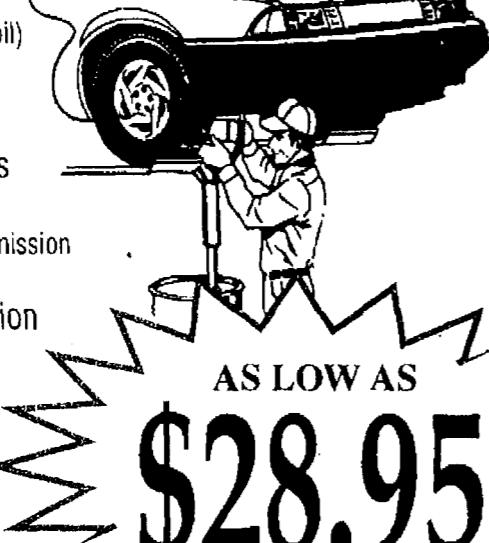
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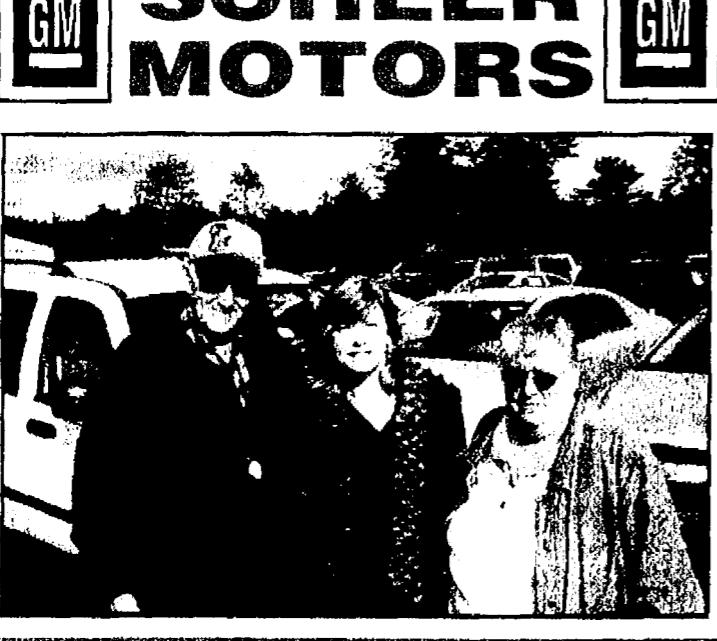


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# Strong group of returners to lead wrestling team

## Continued from 1B

"Cody Collen (145) was a state qualifier last year as a junior. Joey Contreras (189) was a regional qualifier last year. Shane Grove (171) is a senior. Josh Moggo (140) is another returner. Kyle Peters (heavyweight), a junior returner, got hurt in districts last year, but he should be at least a regional qualifier this year," Coach Ferrigan said.

"I think we'll start seeing some stuff out of our 10th graders - seeing some big things out of them. They know what to expect," Coach Ferrigan said. "Joe White (119) is one of those. Dan Duvall (125-130) - he's a tough kid. Zach Woleott will wrestle at 152 or 160. Ashton Linkhart - he should be pretty dominant at 112. He was pretty tough last year."

"Derek Babbitt (160), a freshman, we expect him to step right into the lineup and win some matches. He's a tough kid," Coach Ferrigan said. "Matt Townsend, he'll probably be a 215-pounder. I think he's going to be pretty solid. Will Fowler (135-140) - he'll fit in there somewhere, find his way into the lineup."

Olivia Peters, who will be out for a couple of weeks due to an injury, will be back to contribute, Coach Ferrigan said.

"The rest of them are new kids - hard to say what they're going to do or how they're going to do," Coach Ferrigan said.

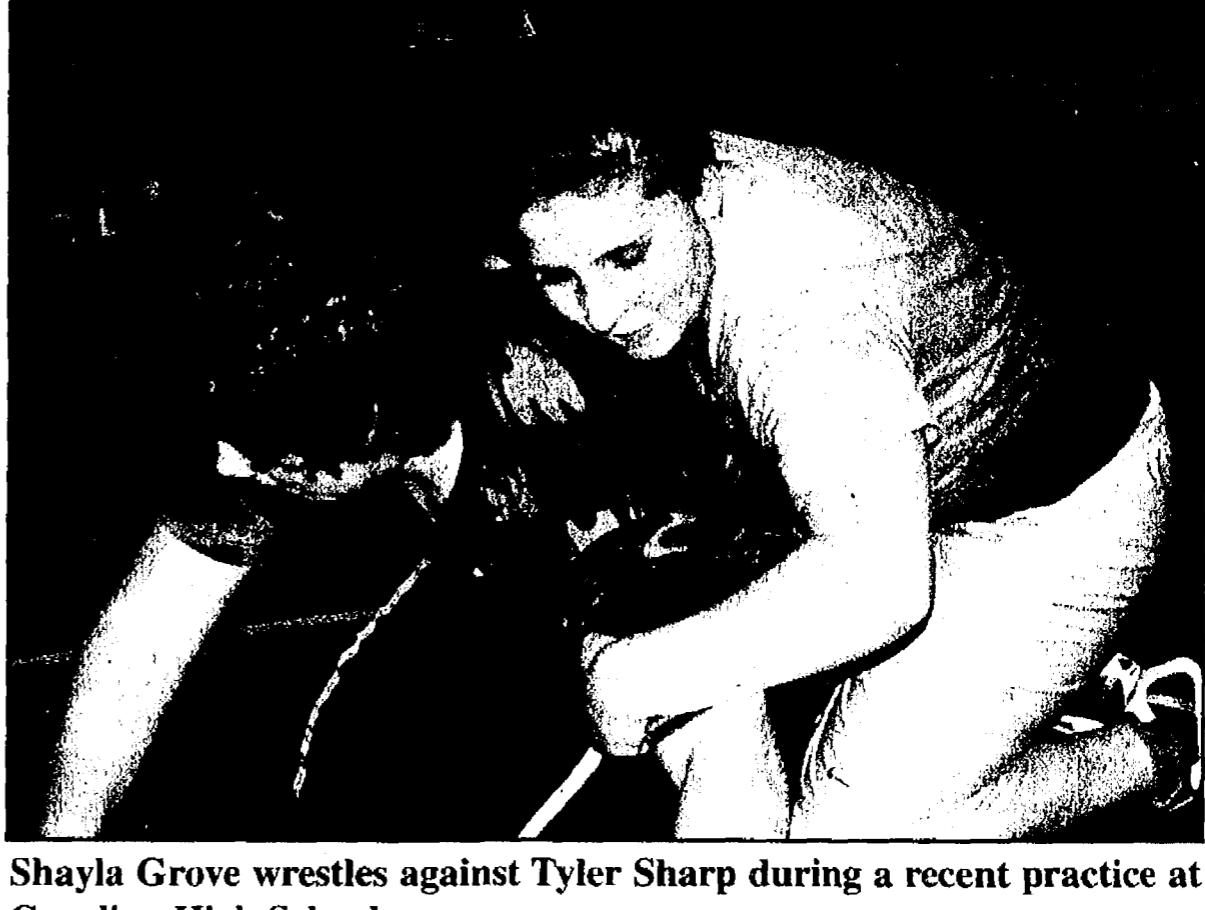
"We've got a heavily dominated upperclassmen team," Coach Ferrigan said. "If we're going to do anything, this is the year to do it. For the most part, we're looking pretty solid this year."

Grayling's athletic league - the Lake Michigan Conference - is in its fourth season with wrestling as an official conference sport. The Vikings won the LMC wrestling title in 2008 and 2006. The Vikings have also won two consecutive district



Photos by Caleb Casey

**Cody Collen and Shane Grove, both of whom are seniors, face off during practice on Wednesday, Nov. 26.**



**Shayla Grove wrestles against Tyler Sharp during a recent practice at Grayling High School.**

championships. Grayling will host team districts this year.

"We won a district title last year. We're shooting for a regional title this year," Coach Ferrigan said. "As far as our conference, they're probably going to be fairly tough. Traverse City St. Francis will probably be a team to beat, and Charlevoix is going to be solid."

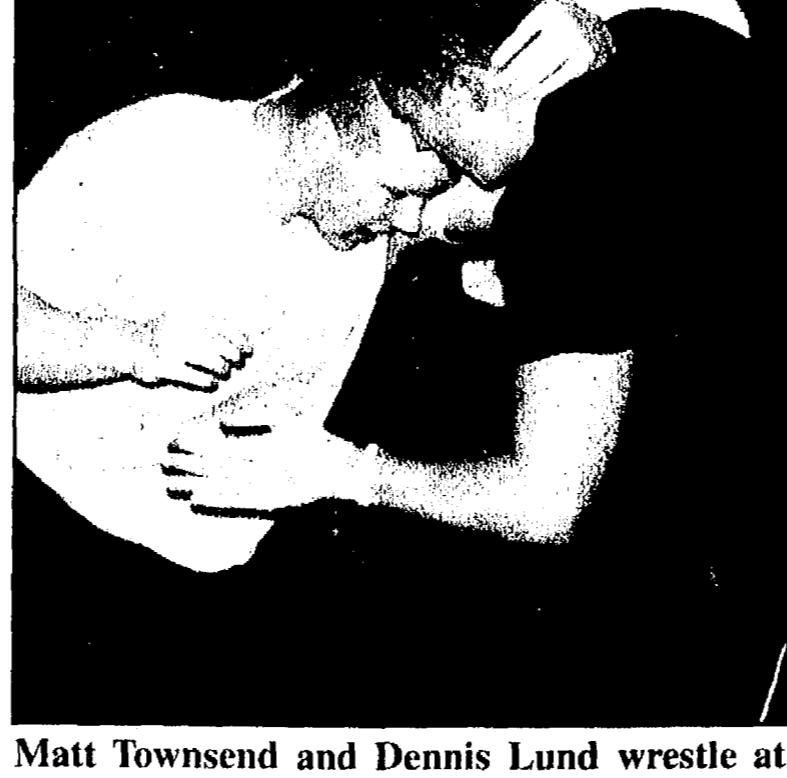
The Vikings started their

official practices on Monday, Nov. 17. The team moved back to the high school this year for its practices, following several years of practicing at the middle school. With the completion of the new weight room at the high school, the wrestling team inherited the old weight room's space (upstairs behind the bleachers in the gym). The team is enjoying its new home.

"It's awesome - way better," Coach Ferrigan said. "We like it out here. It's nice having the locker room and it's a nicer practice area."

The squad has 16 regular season meets scheduled for this year, the first of which will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Mio.

"We have a full schedule this year," Coach Ferrigan said. "We're going to find out early in the year if we're any good."



**Matt Townsend and Dennis Lund wrestle at practice on Nov. 26.**



**Josh Moggo grapples with Joe White during last Wednesday's practice.**

### Bowling Leagues

## Recreation League

GMH-NCC. . . . . 34 - 18  
Robin Smith CPA. . . . 30 - 22  
Days Inn. . . . . 29 - 23  
Glen's Market. . . . . 29 - 23  
Grayling Nursing. . . . . 24 - 28  
TNT Charter. . . . . 23 - 29  
American Legion. . . . . 20 - 32  
Woody Girls. . . . . 19 - 33  
High Series: S. Ross 505; S. Johnson, 502; K. Wheeler, 489. High Game: S. Ross, 201; K. Wheeler, 191; A. Stanley, 185.

## Senior League

Dana Transport. . . . . 30 - 22  
Flowers By Josie. . . . . 30 - 22  
Gaylord Electric. . . . . 28 - 24  
Sylvester's Sports. . . . . 27 - 25  
Lone Pine. . . . . 27 - 25  
Kicking Grass. . . . . 24 - 28  
Spike's. . . . . 24 - 28  
Bear's Den Pizza. . . . . 20 - 32

High Series Women: C. Clark, 480; D. Doremire, 474; J. Williamson, 461.

## Sunday Mixed Doubles

Hard Balls. . . . . 56 - 28  
Team Shockers. . . . . 51 - 33

Growlers. . . . . 45 - 39

Salon Rue. . . . . 44 - 40

Spikes #2. . . . . 43 - 41

GrayRock Cafe. . . . . 33 - 51

AJD. . . . . 32 - 52

Spike's #1. . . . . 28 - 56

High Series Men: T. Sheldon, 583; M. Forbes, 548; L. Ostrowski, 531.

High Game Men: R. Sartin, 226; J. Thayer, 220; T. Sheldon, 213. High Series

Women: H. Indorf, 551; L. Mead, 465; S. Mead, 421.

High Game Women: H. Indorf, 209; L. Mead, 169; E. Akers, 161.

## Pioneer League

Grayling Rest. . . . . 36 - 12  
Ole Dam Store. . . . . 31 - 17  
T.C. Lawncare. . . . . 28 - 20

Eagles Nest. . . . . 26 - 22  
American Legion. . . . . 23 - 25

5 B's. . . . . 20 - 28  
Ball Busters. . . . . 15 - 33

Tim's Collision. . . . . 13 - 35

High Series: T. Rock, 602; J. Cousins, 507; L. Golinick, 489. High Game: T. Rock, 214; C. Clark, 188; D. Argue, 181.

American Men's League

McLean's Ace. . . . . 31 - 11

Dragon Repair. . . . . 30 - 12

McNamara Ford. . . . . 24 - 18

Sky Ripper. . . . . 24 - 18

Moore's Auto. . . . . 19 - 23

Fenton's Auto. . . . . 15 - 27

GADCO. . . . . 14 - 28

High Series: J. Thayer, 630; T. Kotrash, 611; L. Davis, 599. High Game: J. Thayer, 235; T. Kotrash, 232; J. Thayer, 231.